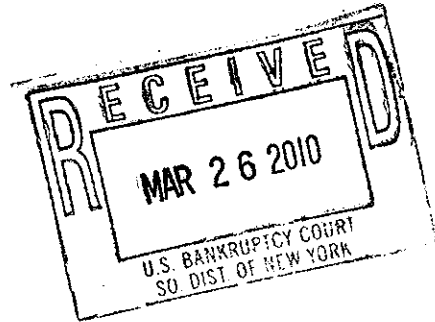


1 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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5 CASE NO. 08-01789



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8 MOTION FOR BANKRUPTCY RULE 2018 HEARING

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10 DEAR HONORABLE JUDGE BURTON LIFLAND,

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12 As an interested party in these proceedings I request that the court hears from me.

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14 I am a denied claimant in this case(clm# 000398) and have 2 matters to bring before this
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16 court.

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18 1-Claim matter

19 I have asked this court and trustee several times now for a hearing on my claim denial without
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21 any time frame given to me for my hearing. As such my procedural rights are being ignored-

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23 For without a hearing on my claim denial I can not launch an appeal if needed.

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25 I have stated several times it is unequitable to clawback proceeds from the Fairfield sentry fund
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27 owners/investors without also allowing them liquidation proceeds inclusion. The clawback suit
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1 treats us as direct investors and the claim denial treats us as indirect investors. It is unequitable to

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3 treat us both ways. It should be no clawback/no liquidation inclusion or clawback/liquidation

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5 inclusion

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7 Please allow me a hearing on this matter, or if you prefer, please consider the above common

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9 sense information when you make your class ruling on whether indirect investors should be

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11 included in the madoff liquidation proceeds.

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13 If you rule against including indirect investors in the madoff liquidation proceeds please send me

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15 a letter from the court referencing your decision with my claim # -so I can appeal.

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17 2-TRUSTEE'S COUNCIL BAD FAITH MATTER

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19 The trustee and his council is not immune from being sued for bad acts of administration

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21 For trustee's council to publically state that the trustee would allow indirect investors to

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23 participate in liquidation and then deny my claim a year later is an intentional act of bad faith or

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25 negligence

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27 The trustee's council went way past his allowable duties/powers to make a promise he was not

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2 entitled to make nor keep. It is not within a trustee's administrative duties to give legal

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4 advice/opinions

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6 FROM BAP # CC-99-1353-PCME & CC-99-1439-PCME

7 B. Qualified quasi-judicial immunity

8 Having determined that Curry and Feder are not absolutely immune from liability for their
9 failure to send notice of the hearing, we turn to the question of whether they enjoy qualified
10 immunity for that action. The law is clear that the trustee is not immune from liability for her
11 allegedly negligent administration. As the panel said in Kashani: It has long been established that
12 a bankruptcy trustee is an officer of the appointing court. As an officer of the court, the trustee is
13 entitled to a form of derivative judicial immunity from liability for actions carried out within the
14 scope of the trustee's official duties. A trustee is entitled to such immunity only if the trustee is
15 acting within the scope of authority conferred upon the trustee by the appropriate statute(s) or the
16 court. While a trustee is allowed to make reasonable mistakes where discretion is allowed, a
17 trustee may be sued for intentional or negligent actions which amount to violations of the duties
18 imposed upon the trustee by law. 190 B.R. at 883 (citations omitted; emphasis supplied).

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20 The trustee's duty to give notice of hearings is a duty imposed on the court clerk by law. Fed. R.
21 Bankr. P. 2002(b). The court has delegated that duty to the trustee. Under Kashani and In re
22 Cochise College Park, 703 F.2d 1339 (9th Cir. 1983), on which the panel in Kashani relied, the
23 trustee and her staff are not immune from suit for alleged negligent actions that amount to
24 violations of those duties. The Ninth Circuit has specifically rejected the reasoning of the cases
25 on which the trustee relies for the proposition that a trustee is liable only for intentional acts. See
26 Cochise College Park, 703 F.2d at 1357 n.26. Thus, the bankruptcy court correctly concluded
27 that the Curry and Feder are not immune from liability for failing to send notice of the hearing

28 Th trustee never denied nor clarified his council's statement

After my claim denial hearing ,if the denial is upheld,I ask your honor to allow me leave of this

court so I can prosecute my complaint against the trustee's council for his intentional bad act

in state court with a jury trial.

Respectfully yours

Lauren Wiken

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